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M/037/084

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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Tony Gallegos, Reclamation Engineer *dag*

RE: Site Inspection, Cotter Corporation, Papoose Mine, M/037/084, (ML45609)
San Juan County, Utah

Date of Inspection: June 28, 1995
Time of Inspection: 13:35 - 14:25
Conditions: Clear, hot
Participants: Ted McDougal, BLM San Juan RA; Tony Gallegos, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection: To examine areas to be included in a new expansion proposal

We arrived at the site at 13:35. No one was present at the trailer or on the mine site. The gate on the access road was locked. We walked around the general perimeter of the site. Ted McDougal was present for observation purposes only, as this project is located on state lands.

Photographs were taken of the current pit and highwall. These photographs show an example of the soil profile in the area. According to the large mining proposal currently being reviewed the present pit would expand in the southeast direction. The current mine area is fenced off with signs warning that blasting takes place in this area. We proceeded beyond the fence into the area of the southeast expansion. Looking at the soil profile, there are some pockets of deeper soil; however, in the washes you can see that the limestone outcrop is very close to the surface. It appears there are some areas where topsoil is salvageable for reclamation; however, the topsoil is not very deep and not very consistent. There was flagging out in the southeast area which appeared to mark the boundaries of the pit expansion. Photographs were also taken of the typical vegetation and soils in the proposed pit expansion area.

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cc: John Showalter, Cotter Corp
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